

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, CB  
SUBJ: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LON NOL TO PRESIDENT NIXON

REF: STATE 241167

1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF A  
DECEMBER 23 LETTER FROM MARSHAL LON NOL TO PRESIDENT  
NIXON IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S LETTER OF  
DEC 5 CONCERNING MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT  
IS REQUESTED TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE.  
THE SIGNED ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, IN THE NAME OF THE  
KHMER PEOPLE, THEIR GOVERNMENT AND IN MY NAME PERSONALLY, I  
WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE NEW,  
IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE IN MILITARY MATERIAL WHICH THE UNITED  
STATES UNDER THEIR HIGH LEADERSHIP IS NOW DELIVERING TO  
THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

3. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY EMPHASIZED IN YOUR LETTER OF  
DECEMBER 19, 1973 (EMBASSY COMMENT: DATE OF DELIVERY  
OF ORIGINAL HERE), THIS VALUABLE ASSISTANCE WILL HELP  
REINFORCE THE KHMER DEFENSES AGAINST THE SUBVERSIVE AND  
AGGRESSIVE INITIATIVES OF THE INDOCHINESE COMMUNISTS  
LED BY 30,000 NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS WHICH REMAIN IN  
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OUR COUNTRY DESPITE THE PARIS ACCORD AND OUR ACCEPTANCE  
OF THE STRICT APPLICATION OF THE ACCORDS AND OF A  
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AMONG KHMERS.

4. KHMERS ARE FLOCKING TO NATIONAL UNION EACH DAY AND

AMONG THEM ARE KHMER WHO HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN HANOI  
SINCE 1954.

5. BUT THIS MOVEMENT TOWARDS UNION IS STILL SERIOUSLY  
OBSTRUCTED BY THE TIGHT ADMINISTRATION CONTROLS  
ESTABLISHED BY VIETNAMESE TROOPS INCLUDING DIRECT  
ARMED INTERVENTION.

6. I HOPE THAT IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING WE WILL  
NEVERTHELESS SURMOUNT ALL DIFFICULTIES.

7. MR. PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH MY DEEP AND SINCERE  
GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTINUED AND FIRM SUPPORT, PLEASE  
ACCEPT THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY VERY HIGH AND VERY  
CORDIAL CONSIDERATION.. END TEXT.  
ENDERS

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